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(54) **Dental Filling Material**

(57) A dental filling material capable of forming a cured product with improved mechanical properties and colour tone comprises a polymerizable monomer, which is a reaction product of two moles of a compound selected from hydroxyalkylidene diacrylates and hydroxyalkylidene dimethacrylates with one mole of an organic diisocyanate, optionally in admixture with another polymerizable monomer. The reaction product may be bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene

dicarbamate or bis(1,3-diacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate. The reaction product may be used in admixture with trimethylolpropane triacrylate and/or trimethacrylate and (mono-, di- or tri-) ethylene glycol diacrylate and/or dimethacrylate. The reaction product may also be used in admixture with bis-ethoxylated bisphenol-A diacrylate and/or dimethacrylate and (mono-, di- or tri-) ethylene glycol diacrylate and/or dimethacrylate. A filler and polymerisation catalyst or photoinitiator (for UV curing) are also present.

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SPECIFICATION
Dental Filling Material

This invention relates to a dental filling material capable of forming a cured product or filling with improved mechanical properties.

5 Recently, for the treatment of dental caries, composite resin has been often used as a dental filling material because it has many advantages of easy application, safety and matching color as compared with conventional filling materials such as amalgam, inlay and cement. A composite resin generally comprises monomers, polymers, inorganic fillers, catalysts or curing agents, colorants, stabilizers and the like. The composite resin usually consists of a two-paste system, one paste 10 containing an amine catalyst, and the other paste containing a peroxide catalyst. The two pastes are formulated so as to be cured within about five minutes when a dentist mixes them. An ultraviolet-curable system is also available.

In these types of dental filling materials or composite resins, physical properties are important, including hardness, flexural strength, compressive strength, abrasion resistance, water absorption and 15 the like. A number of filling materials have been formulated with special attention paid to physical properties, as disclosed in Bowen, U.S. Patent No. 3,066,112, Swiss Patent No. 557,674, and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 48—45092. These filling materials are, however, not necessarily satisfactory in strength as compared with metallic materials. There has been a need for a 20 dental filling material capable of forming a cured product having enhanced strength and improved physical properties.

25 The inventors have found that by using a monomeric reaction product of two moles of a hydroxyalkyl diacrylate or dimethacrylate with one mole of an organic diisocyanate (to be referred to as "diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate", hereinafter) as a polymerizable monomer of a dental filling material, there is obtained a dental filling material capable of forming a cured product which not only has improved properties required for dental fillings, particularly, improved hardness, compressive 30 strength, flexural strength and tensile strength, but also has a color tone quite similar to the tooth enamel such that substantially no aesthetic difference may be perceptible between the cured filling and the adjoining tooth enamel. This filling material is useful for actual dental treatment.

It has been known from United Kingdom Patent Nos. 1,401,805 and 1,430,303 that formulating 35 urethane diacrylate results in a cured product which is water white in color and aesthetically acceptable. However, the use of diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate to form a cured product with improved physical properties is novel as far as the inventors know.

Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a dental filling material capable of forming a cured product with improved physical properties, especially increased hardness and flexural 35 strength.

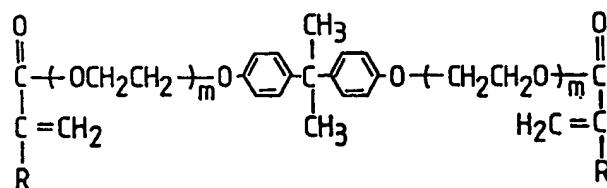
Another object of the present invention is to provide a dental filling material capable of forming a cured product having a color tone quite similar to the tooth enamel so that substantially no difference may be perceptible between the filling and the adjoining tooth enamel.

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a dental filling material 40 comprising a polymerizable monomer to be polymerized upon application, characterized in that a reaction product of two moles of a hydroxyalkyl diacrylate and/or a hydroxyalkyl dimethacrylate with one mole of an organic diisocyanate is used as a single polymerizable monomer or in admixture with another polymerizable monomer. The reaction product is referred to as diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate. 45 In the dental filling material according to the present invention, a polymerizable monomer of diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate is employed alone or in admixture with another polymerizable monomer. In the latter case, according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a dental filling material comprises in addition to the polymerizable monomer of diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate, a second polymerizable monomer of trimethylolpropane triacrylate 50 and/or trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, and a third polymerizable monomer having the formula:



wherein R is independently a hydrogen or a methyl group, and m is equal to an integer of from 1 to 3. This mixture of the monomers described above results in a cured product having further increased strength.

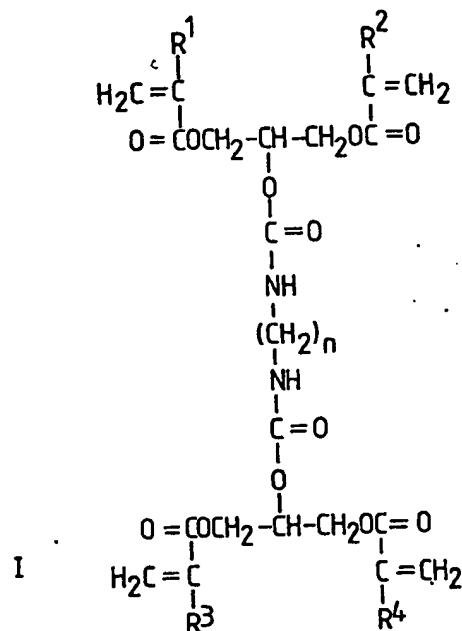
55 A cured product with further increased strength also results from a combination of diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate, the compound having the above-mentioned formula, and a compound having the following formula:



wherein R is independently a hydrogen or a methyl group and m is equal to an integer of from 1 to 3.

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent and understandable from the following descriptions.

5 Examples of the diurethane tetraacrylates and tetramethacrylates include those compounds having the general formula I: 5



wherein R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogens or methyl groups, and n is an integer varying from 2 to 10. The compounds of formula I are formed by reacting a reaction product of glycidyl acrylate 10 or glycidyl methacrylate with acrylic or methacrylic acid, with an alkylene diisocyanate. Most preferred is the compound of formula I wherein R¹ to R⁴ are methyl groups and n is equal to 6, that is, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate. Bis(1,3-diacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate is also preferred. 10

The diurethane tetraacrylates and tetramethacrylates may be used either alone or in admixture 15 of two or more. The diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate may be used either as a single polymerizable monomer or in admixture with one or more other polymerizable monomers in the filling material of the present invention. 15

The other monomers which can be used in combination with the diurethane tetraacrylate and/or tetramethacrylate monomer may be mono- or polyfunctional groups. Examples of the monofunctional 20 and polyfunctional monomers are enumerated below. 20

Monofunctional Monomer

methyl acrylate and methacrylate,
ethyl acrylate and methacrylate,
butyl acrylate and methacrylate,
25 allyl acrylate and methacrylate,
hydroxyethyl acrylate and methacrylate,
methoxyethyl acrylate and methacrylate, etc. 25

Polyfunctional Monomer

Difunctional aliphatic acrylate and methacrylate
30 ethylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
diethylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
triethylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
polyethylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate, 30

butylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
 neopentyl glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
 propylene glycol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
 5 1,3-butanediol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
 1,4-butanediol diacrylate and dimethacrylate,
 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate and dimethacrylate, etc.

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Difunctional aromatic acrylate and methacrylate

2,2-bis(acryloxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(methacryloxyphenyl)propane,
 10 2,2-bis(4-(3-acryloxy)-2-hydroxypropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-(3-methacryloxy)-2-hydroxypropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxyethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxyethoxyphenyl)propane,
 15 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxytetraethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxytetraethoxyphenyl)propane,
 20 2,2-bis(4-acryloxyhexaethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxyhexaethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxybutoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxybutoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydibutoxyphenyl)propane,
 25 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxydibutoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydipropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxydipropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxytripropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxytripropoxyphenyl)propane,
 30 2-(4-acryloxyethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-acryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2-(4-methacryloxyethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methacryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2-(4-acryloxydiethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-acryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2-(4-methacryloxydiethoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methacryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 35 2-(4-acryloxydipropoxyphenyl)-2-(4-acryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2-(4-methacryloxydipropoxyphenyl)-2-(4-methacryloxytrioethoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxypropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxypropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-acryloxyisopropoxyphenyl)propane,
 2,2-bis(4-methacryloxyisopropoxyphenyl)propane,
 40 xylylene glycol diacrylate,
 xylylene glycol dimethacrylate, etc.

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Trifunctional aliphatic acrylate and methacrylate

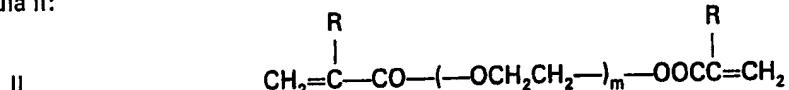
trimethylolpropane triacrylate and trimethacrylate,
 trimethylolethane triacrylate and trimethacrylate,
 45 trimethylolethanol triacrylate and trimethacrylate,
 trimethylolmethane triacrylate and trimethacrylate,
 pentaerythritol triacrylate and trimethacrylate, etc.

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Tetrafunctional acrylate and methacrylate

tetramethylolmethane tetraacrylate and tetramethacrylate, etc.
 When the diurethane tetraacrylate or tetramethacrylate monomer is used in admixture with other
 monomers, the former may be blended in an amount of 5—80% by weight, preferably 5—60% by
 weight, more preferably 10—60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers.
 Among these additional polymerizable monomers, most preferred is a combination of
 trimethylolpropane triacrylate and/or trimethacrylate and a monomeric compound of the general
 55 formula II:

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wherein R is a hydrogen or a methyl group, and m is an integer of 1 to 3. The strength of a cured product is further increased by using the diurethane tetraacrylate and/or tetramethacrylate in admixture with this combination of trimethylolpropane triacrylate and/or trimethacrylate and a

the like. The content of the amine may preferably be in the range of from 0.1 to 5% by weight of the polymerizable monomers. Derivatives of sulfinic acid may be benzene sulfinic acid, p-toluene sulfinic acid and their sodium salts, and the like. The content of sulfinic acid or its derivatives may preferably be in the range of from 2 to 6% by weight of the polymerizable monomers. The peroxide may include 5 benzoyl peroxide, di-p-chloro-benzoyl peroxide, di-lauroyl-peroxide, methyl ethyl ketone peroxide and the like. The content of the peroxide may preferably be in the range of from 0.1 to 3% by weight of the polymerizable monomers.

10 The composition may also be formulated into an ultraviolet curable system by blending an ultraviolet sensitizer such as benzoin methyl ether, acetophenone, benzophenone, 2,2,2-trichloro-4'-t-butylacetophenone, anthraquinone and the like in an amount of 0.3—3% by weight of the monomers. In this case, all the necessary ingredients may be blended into a single composition which must be packed in a UV-shielded package.

15 In addition, a polymerization inhibitor, colorant, antioxidant and other additives may be blended in the filling material according to the present Invention, if desired. Optionally, hydrocarbons such as paraffin, liquid paraffin, anhydrous vaseline, microcrystalline wax, squalane, etc.; waxes such as 15 lanolin, liquid lanolin, beeswax, etc.; organic acid esters such as isopropyl myristate, myristyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, etc., and other oily substances may be blended in an amount of 0 to 10%, especially 0.1 to 10% by weight of the monomers. The resulting cured product has further improved abrasion resistance.

20 The present invention will be more fully understood by referring to the following examples and comparative examples. However, the following examples are not to be construed to limit the scope of the invention. In these examples, parts are all by weight.

Example 1 & Comparative Example 1

Dental filling materials were prepared according to the following formulations A and B.

25 Formulation A (Comparison)

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane and triethylene glycol dimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 2:3 was added 257 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. The resulting mixture was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine was 30 added to the other portion.

Equal amounts of these two portions were admixed to form a cured sample.

Formulation B (Invention)

A cured sample was obtained by repeating the procedure described for formulation A except that the polymerizable monomer mixture was a mixture of 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydiethoxyphenyl)propane, 35 triethylene glycol dimethacrylate, and the compound of formula I wherein R¹ to R⁴ are CH₃ and n is equal to 6, that is, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate at a weight ratio of 2:3:1.

The cured samples were determined for Barcol hardness, compressive strength, diametral tensile strength, and flexural strength according to the following methods. The results are shown in Table 1.

40 Hardness

A cured sample was immersed in distilled water at a temperature of 37°C for 24 hours before the hardness of the sample was measured using the Barcol hardness tester model No. GYZJ 934-1.

Compressive strength

A cured disc sample having a diameter of 6 mm and a height of 3 mm was formed and immersed 45 in distilled water at a temperature of 37°C for 24 hours before a compression test was carried out at a compression rate of 10 mm/min. using the Strograph-U.

Diametral tensile strength

A cured disc sample having a diameter of 6 mm and a height of 3 mm was formed and immersed in distilled water at a temperature of 37°C for 24 hours. The sample disc was placed on its side 50 between parallel platens of the testing machine, the Strograph-U. A small piece of blotting paper wet with water was inserted between the platens of the machine and each side of the sample disc. The sample was loaded continuously in compression at 10 mm/min. to the breaking point.

Flexural strength

A cured sample having a width of 2 mm, a length of 25 mm and a thickness of 2 mm was formed 55 according to ISO 4049. The sample was immersed in distilled water at a temperature of 37°C for 24 hours before flexural strength test was carried out at a rate of 1 mm/min. on the Strograph-U.

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Table I

		A (comparison)	B (invention)	
	Hardness, Barcol	65	73	
5	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	2551	3611	
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	36	55	5
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	988	1104	

Example 2

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate, and trimethylopropane trimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 2:3:1 was added 257 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine was added to the other portion. Equal amounts of these two portions were thoroughly admixed to obtain a cured sample. The physical properties of the sample were determined as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table II.

Table II

	Hardness, Barcol	80		
20	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	3472		
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	52		20
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	1303		

Example 3

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate and trimethylopropane trimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 3:2 was added 257 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N'-di(β -hydroxyethyl)-p-toluidine was added to the other portion. Equal amounts of these two portions were thoroughly admixed to obtain a cured sample. The physical properties of the sample were determined as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table III.

Table III

	Hardness, Barcol	79		
35	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	3155		
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	42		
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	1261		35

Example 4

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate, and methyl methacrylate at a weight ratio of 2:3:1/2, 10 parts of poly(methyl methacrylate) having a degree of polymerization of 7,000—7,500 was dissolved and 250 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane was added. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N'-di(β -hydroxyethyl)-p-toluidine was added to the other portion. Equal amounts of these two portions were thoroughly admixed to obtain a cured sample. The physical properties of the sample were determined as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table IV.

Table IV

	Hardness, Barcol	72		
50	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	3138		
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	58		50
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	1258		

Examples 5 & 6 and Comparative Example 2

Dental filling materials were prepared according to the following formulations C, D and E.

Formulation C (Invention)

To 100 parts of each of mixtures of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate and trimethylopropane trimethacrylate at weight ratios of 4:1 (sample C-a), 3:2 (sample C-b), 2:3 (sample C-c) and 1:4 (sample C-d), respectively, was added 257 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. The resulting mixture

was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine was added to the other portion.

Equal amounts of these two portions were admixed to obtain a cured sample.

Formulation D (Comparison)

5 A cured sample was obtained by the same procedure described for formulation C except that the 5 polymerizable monomer mixture was a mixture of 2,2-bis(4-acryloxydethoxyphenyl)propane, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate, and trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 2:3:1.

Formulation E (Invention)

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, and triethylene glycol dimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 2:3:1 was added 257 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One part of benzoyl peroxide was added to one portion while one part of N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine was added to the other portion.

15 Equal amounts of these two portions were admixed to obtain a cured sample. 15 The cured samples were determined for Barcol hardness, compressive strength, diametral tensile strength, and flexural strength according to the methods as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table V.

		Table V				
	Example	Hardness, Barcol	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	Diametral tensile strength MN/m ²	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	
25	C-a	79	2750	42	1165	25
	C-b	79	3155	42	1260	
	C-c	80	2980	43	1100	
	C-d	78	2950	39	900	
	D	75	3395	50	990	
	E	82	3600	52	1410	

30 It was found that similar results were obtained when the diurethane tetraacrylate of formula I wherein R¹—R⁴ are hydrogens and n is equal to 6 was used. 30

Example 7

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, and triethylene glycol dimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 3:2:1 was added 280 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One and a half parts of benzoyl peroxide were added to one portion while 1.5 parts of N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine were added to the other portion.

35 Equal amounts of these two portions were thoroughly admixed to obtain a cured sample. The 35 physical properties of the sample were determined as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table VI. 40

Table VI		
	Hardness, Barcol	82
45	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	3830
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	58
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	1350

Example 8

To 100 parts of a mixture of polymerizable monomers, bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate, and triethylene glycol dimethacrylate at a weight ratio of 1:2:3 was added 280 parts of α -quartz treated with γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane. After thorough mixing, the mixture was divided into two portions. One and a half parts of benzoyl peroxide were added to one portion while 1.5 parts of N,N-di(β -hydroxyethyl)-p-toluidine were added to the other portion.

50 Equal amounts of these two portions were thoroughly admixed to obtain a cured sample. The 50 physical properties of the sample were determined as described in Example 1. The results are shown in Table VII. 55

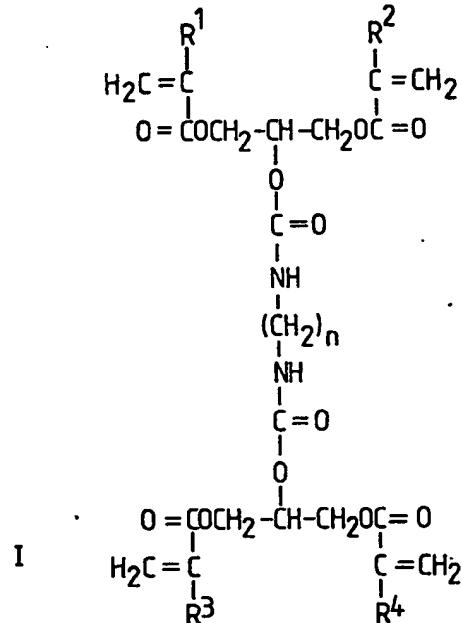
Table VII

5	Hardness, Barcol	81
	Compressive strength, kg/cm ²	3525
	Diametral tensile strength, MN/m ²	52
	Flexural strength, kg/cm ²	1335

Claims

1. A dental filling material comprising a polymerizable monomer to be polymerized upon application, characterized in that the polymerizable monomer comprises a reaction product of two moles of a compound selected from hydroxyalkyl diacrylates and hydroxyalkyl dimethacrylates with one mole of an organic diisocyanate alone or in admixture with another polymerizable monomer.

2. A dental filling material according to claim 1 wherein said reaction product has the general formula I:



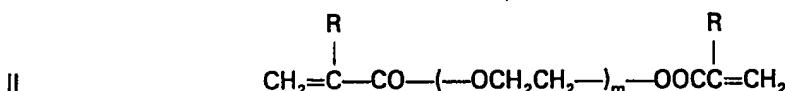
15 wherein R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogens or methyl groups, and n is equal to a value
15 between 2 and 10 inclusive. 15

3. A dental filling material according to claim 2 wherein said compound of formula I is bis(1,3-dimethacryloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate.

4. A dental filling material according to claim 2 wherein said compound of formula I is bis(1,3-diacyrloyloxy-2-propanetriyl)-N,N'-hexamethylene dicarbamate.

20 5. A dental filling material according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said reaction product is present in admixture with a polymerizable monomer consisting of trimethylolpropane triacrylate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate or a mixture thereof, and a polymerizable monomer having the general formula II:

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25 wherein R is independently a hydrogen or a methyl group, and m is equal to a value between 1 and 3 inclusive.

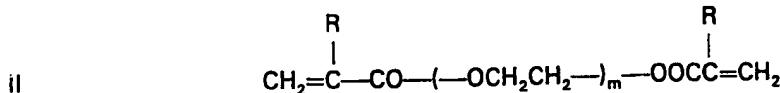
6. A dental filling material according to claim 5 wherein said monomer of formula II is triethylene glycol diacrylate, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate or a mixture thereof.

7. A dental filling material according to claim 5 or 6 wherein said reaction product is present in an amount of 5 to 80% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers, said monomer consisting of trimethylolpropane triacrylate, trimethylolpropane trimethacrylate or a mixture thereof is present in an amount of 10—60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers, and said monomer of formula II is present in an amount of 10—60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers.

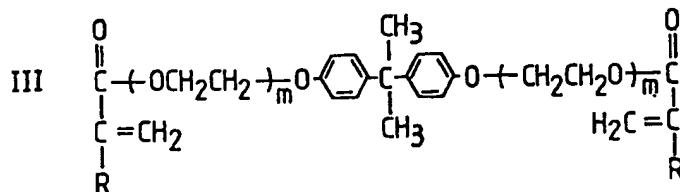
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8. A dental filling material according to claim 7 wherein said reaction product is present in an amount of 10 to 60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers.

9. A dental filling material according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said reaction product is present in admixture with a polymerizable monomer having the general formula II:



wherein R is independently a hydrogen or a methyl group, and m is equal to a value between 1 and 3 inclusive, and a polymerizable monomer having the general formula III:



5 wherein R is independently a hydrogen or a methyl group, and m is equal to a value between 1 and 3 inclusive. 5

10. A dental filling material according to claim 13 wherein said monomer of formula II is triethylene glycol diacrylate, triethylene glycol dimethacrylate or a mixture thereof.

11. A dental filling material according to claim 9 or claim 10 or 14 wherein said reaction product 10 is present in an amount of 5 to 80% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers, said monomer of formula II is present in an amount of 10—60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers, and said monomer of formula III is present in an amount of 10—80% by weight of the polymerizable monomers.

12. A dental filling material according to claim 11 wherein said reaction product is present in an 15 amount of 10 to 60% by weight of the total weight of the polymerizable monomers.

13. A dental filling material substantially as described in any of Examples 1—8.

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